

their family includes children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Pastor Roberts' service to the membership of Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church blazed a path of leadership as he grew the church over many decades. His congregation blossomed from dozens to thousands as he shared the Word of the Lord, his devotion and wisdom, and his unique gifts.

In addition to his leadership in the church, Pastor Roberts' imprimatur in our community is writ large. A highly respected community leader, he has served on many Toledo area organizations, lending his expertise and counsel well beyond the doors of his church.

Reverend Dr. John E. Roberts came to retirement at age 93 in March of 2021. He was the oldest serving Baptist pastor in Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio, and the Nation. As Pastor Emeritus, I am certain he will continue Christ's Message of Love and follow Psalms 78:72, "So he shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart. And guided them by the skillfulness of his hands."

We are grateful for Pastor Roberts' unique and precious gifts including an irrepressible, wry sense of humor, brilliant smile, twinkling eyes, and a master of biblical text. A man of the Word, he kept his word. His life inspired others from all walks of life to follow his steady lead. The Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church building he led his congregation to construct, and then expand several times, serves as a foundation stone for the revitalization of the near west neighborhood that hugs Toledo's downtown.

When Pastor Roberts set a course, he always arrived at the destination.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF COL. DICK LITTLESTONE

##### HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2021*

Mr. LIEU. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Colonel Richard "Dick" Littlestone, United States Army retired—a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and dedicated advocate for veterans from California's 33rd Congressional District. Colonel Littlestone passed away on May 15, 2021 at the age of 97.

Colonel Littlestone was born on September 23, 1923 in Evanston, Illinois and moved with his family to California at a young age. He attended and graduated from Los Angeles High School and was drafted into the Army a couple years later. While there, he was chosen to go to the United States Military Academy at West Point where he graduated in 1947.

Colonel Littlestone married his wife Doris in 1948. They moved to the Pacific Palisades neighborhood of Los Angeles in 1972 and raised three children, Richard, Nanette and Mark. They resided in the Palisades for 49 years. Doris and Dick were married for almost 73 years.

Colonel Littlestone was a veteran of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. He served in the United States Army for 33 years and received the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, and more than a dozen other honors.

Through the G.I. Bill, he earned several advanced degrees and said that as a result, he had a wonderful career in the Army.

After his time in the service, Colonel Littlestone taught at West Point for several years and later served as Chair and Professor of the Department of Military Science and Associate Director of the Computers and Information Systems Research Program at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Colonel Littlestone believed deeply in duty, honor, and country, but went beyond that to serve his community and when he retired, this became his passion. Colonel Littlestone dedicated his time towards advocating for local veterans and fighting for improvements in his community. He said it was his service in three wars, and all the Army provided him, that drove his continued involvement and advocacy.

Colonel Dick Littlestone was the driving force behind the creation of the Los Angeles National Cemetery's new and expanded columbarium, a 4.4-acre project on the West Los Angeles VA Campus that would go on to house the remains of over 90,000 veterans and their family members. For 22 years he championed this cause to ensure more veterans in the region could be laid to rest closer to their families and homes. The process was a labor of love and he prodded and cajoled several Secretaries of Veterans Affairs for years, knocking down one hurdle after another. His final achievement was to see the completion and dedication of the columbarium at the Los Angeles National Cemetery, which took place in October 2019.

Colonel Littlestone was honored in 2015 with the first-ever Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors' Veterans Lifetime Achievement Award. He was more recently recognized for his service to the country when named Los Angeles Veteran of the Year in 2020 by Los Angeles City Councilmember Mike Bonin. Bonin said, "Throughout his decades of service to both his country and his community, Colonel Littlestone has consistently combined his passion for the military with education." Bonin added, "Colonel Dick Littlestone is an extraordinary example of patriotic duty and service—to his country and to the City of Los Angeles."

Colonel Dick Littlestone believed deeply in duty, honor, and country. His dedication to veterans and his service to his country and community is a shining example for all of us to follow. May his memory be a blessing.

#### CONGRATULATING DIJONAY DAWSON FOR WINNING THREE CLASS 5 STATE MEDALS

##### HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2021*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dijonay Dawson for winning three gold medals at the Class 5 Track and Field Championship.

Dijonay earned a total of nine points out of the eleven Jefferson City Lady Jays put on the board. Out of her three gold medals, two medals were in individual races and one was in a relay. Dijonay should be commended for her hard work and dedication throughout this past year.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing Dijonay Dawson for a job well done.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN MANNING

##### HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2021*

Ms. KUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize John Manning on the occasion of his retirement as Chief Executive Officer of Southwestern Community Services.

For more than 30 years, John Manning has provided much needed support to our community through his work at Southwestern Community Services (SCS). SCS runs numerous critical programs designed to empower low-income individuals and families, such as the Community Food Program, several Energy and Fuel Assistance Programs, seven Head Start Centers, and more. Through John's leadership, SCS continues to expand services, including the distribution of critical rental assistance funds to thousands of households throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

I commend John Manning on his retirement after more than three decades of public service and dedication to the Granite State. John also serves as the Fire Chief for the Town of Marlborough, a testament to his commitment to the well-being and safety of Granite Staters.

On behalf of New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, I thank John Manning for his service and wish him the best of luck in his new chapter.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF GLC MINERALS, LLC

##### HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2021*

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor GLC Minerals, LLC as the company celebrates its 150th anniversary.

GLC Minerals is a Green Bay based, custom manufacturer of minerals and applications in its fifth generation of ownership and operation by the Hurlbut family. GLC Minerals serves many of Wisconsin's key industries, including dairy, poultry, glass, paper, construction, and agronomy.

The company came from humble beginnings when entrepreneur, Fred Hurlbut, Sr., realized the strategic location of Green Bay and the economic opportunity of Great Lakes shipping following the Civil War and, in 1871, Fred's foresight came to fruition as the Hurlbut Calcium and Chemical Company.

In 1913, second-generation owner, Fred Hurlbut, Jr., grew the company to include major coal and bulk distribution throughout Northeast Wisconsin. In 1940, the now named F. Hurlbut Company relocated to the shores of the Fox River where it still resides today, 81 years later. Throughout the mid-1900s, the company expanded its equipment and product lines.

Under third-generation owners, Wesley H. Garner I, Charles Bennet and Frederick J. Lenfesty, the company diversified into the calcium and concrete products business. In 1965, Wesley H. Garner I's son, Frederick L. Garner, joined the company and, after serving in various capacities within the company for more

than twenty years, he purchased Hurlbut Calcium and Chemical from the family. Frederick focused on reinvesting in the plant and equipment to produce a diverse and high-quality product line, and changed the name of the firm to Great Lakes Calcium Corporation.

In 1996, Wesley Hurlbut Garner II, became the fifth-generation family member to continue the entrepreneurial spirit by further expanding product lines. In 2015, Wes changed the company's name to GLC Minerals, LLC and launched GLC Integrated Services, LLC, a trans-load company serving Wisconsin's dairy industry with cost-effective movement of product from rail to truck to farm. GLC Minerals continues to grow and support our local business community and the broader Green Bay community, as it did in the early days when it helped to establish and support the Greater Green Bay Chamber.

Madam Speaker, I urge all Members of this body to join me in applauding GLC Minerals and the Hurlbut family legacy for their 150 years of success.

#### NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH ESSAY CON- TEST WINNERS

#### HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2021*

Mr. SABLAN. Madam Speaker, this year, I hosted the first-ever Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Essay Contest for Northern Mariana Islands middle school and high school students. This contest gives students in my district the opportunity to showcase their writing skills and reflect on their unique experiences living in the Northern Mariana Islands. This year's essay prompt encouraged students to share how the Asian and Pacific Islander community has impacted them, and what the Marianas community can do to best celebrate and respect the diversity in our islands.

I would like to congratulate the 44 students who participated. A volunteer panel of judges reviewed the essays and chose Jia Ross Nicdao and Camille Torres Hocog as this year's winners of the middle school and high school division, respectively. Jia, an 8th grade student at Admiral Herbert G. Hopwood Middle School, wrote about her experience as a young Asian American in the Northern Mariana Islands. Camille, a sophomore at Marianas High School, wrote about diversity and unity.

I am proud to include in the RECORD the essays submitted by Jia and Camille:

MIDDLE SCHOOL WINNER, JIA ROSS NICDAO, ADMIRAL HERBERT G. HOPWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL, 8TH GRADE

Even though it is a small area, the Northern Marianas Islands are undeniably full of different cultures and traditions. Many ethnic groups, specifically Asian citizens and Pacific Islanders, proudly call the CNMI their home; they comprise more than 80 percent of Saipan's population. Whether you were born or migrated from a different country, we still thrive as a community to empower one another.

My parents immigrated to the CNMI for work and started a family here. My identity

as Asian American has been a little confusing. In the beginning, I felt as if I did not deserve to be a member of the Filipino community. I felt like my opinions and thoughts were invalid when discussing Filipino topics because I was raised away from the area of action and lived abroad. My different living situation made me feel as if I do not deserve the recognition Filipinos got. I struggled to find a label that I connected to, so I decided to research Filipino culture. At that moment was when I found out about the ethnic group that I was unknowingly part of, known as Asian Americans, who are Americans with Asian ancestry and/or children of immigrated parents. This community was something I finally related to. On the island, I never felt indifferent because of my ethnicity, which was opposite to my other feelings. I was surrounded by other Asians, so whenever I was around them, I felt like I belonged with them. I liked that I could relate with other Asian Americans through shared experiences; it gave me comfort. Most of the representation here in the CNMI has been positive. When I see members from this community succeed, it not only impacts the view and generalization for our community, but it also empowers me personally to strive for that success. It pushes me to fulfill the achievements that others succeeded in. It motivates me to become involved in that success and also positively represent the community. I am one of those community members, and I am proud to represent the Asian American Community.

I believe one of the best ways to respect and celebrate diversity in this community is by educating ourselves on each other's cultures. We can set an example for other communities to participate in Asian American and Pacific Islander appreciation month by first doing it within the community. Sharing about our experiences; getting to know each others' viewpoints is an expressive way to understand each others' lifestyles. Also, researching appropriate behaviors and mannerism is critical to be aware of when talking to other people from different countries; we should never offend anyone and be disrespectful. If we remove the negative energy between nationalities in the community, we can work together as one and spread love with other communities. Overall, being part of the Asian American and Pacific Islander community comes with many responsibilities, so being one with each other will help us all accomplish many goals.

HIGH SCHOOL WINNER, CAMILLE TORRES HOCOG,  
MARIANAS HIGH SCHOOL, SOPHOMORE

The Northern Mariana Islands; an archipelago of islands in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. Despite our small and rather remote location, an abundance of cultures within the Asian and Pacific Islander community reside here. Descendants from all around the Asian-Pacific region call our islands home.

As a young Chamorro woman who is indigenous to these islands, this place means a significant amount to me. I take great pride in my roots and where I come from, for it is a source of my values, confidence, goals, and morals. But there's one thing about my Chamorro identity that has always stuck out to me; I am a result of the perseverance of my people. Among the Pacific Islands, the Marianas has the longest history of colonialism. To this day, we are still experiencing its lasting effects. As I grow and learn even more about my heritage, the more I have an understanding of who I am in this world. Each moment of understanding reminds me that because of my ancestor's resilience, I want to live my life in fulfilling ways that would make them and my islands proud today.

Being from the islands also means connecting and building friendships with people

of different cultures, majority of them being from within the API community. Reflecting on these friendships made me realize how truly broad the term "API" is, almost like it's a bigger picture. Despite all of us being boxed into this term, looking a bit closer and seeing the great amount of cultural diversity within this group makes you realize how beautifully inclusive it is. Without a doubt, there is a wealth of culture within the Asian-Pacific region, and it's absolutely evident here in the Marianas. Being able to share our cultural stories, arts, and experiences with each other is, in my opinion, the best way to celebrate our similarities and differences this month.

One unforgettable experience in regards to the sharing of my culture would be in 2016, where I went on a student exchange trip to Japan. I was in 6th grade at the time. For a couple of days, I stayed with a host family of four; one mom, one dad, one daughter, and one younger son. The mom was the only one who spoke English. I remember they'd take me to different places around their hometown, such as restaurants, the park, and different Japanese sites. With them, I was able to experience firsthand what it was like to live in a Japanese household.

One morning before the daughter had to go to school, she asked me to teach her some Chamorro words so that she could show them to her friends. I taught her a few simple phrases such as "Hafa Adai" and "Buenas Dias". Her mom translated for us, and she was able to write down these words on a notepad and take it with her to school.

Having that experience at such a young age shaped the way I see culture today. It showed me that simply sharing our parts of the world and understanding each other's background is, again, the best way to celebrate our cultural diversities.

As we all know, May is a special month for us Asian and Pacific Islanders. It's a month for us to celebrate our achievements, contributions, and our heritage. It's an occasion where many within the community open up about their experiences being Asian and/or Pacific Islander. Whether it be about the struggles or moments of contentment, it would be the time to listen to and grasp onto our words. Despite this month being named API Heritage Month, we shall continue to listen to and uplift each other's voices even after May ends. All throughout time, we will celebrate diversity and unity. Thank you for reading.

#### CHRISTOPHER JAMES LLEWELLYN

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2021*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Christopher James Llewellyn. Christopher is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 401, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Christopher has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Christopher has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned 39 merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Christopher has been inducted into the Order of the Arrow and is the Sr. Patrol Leader of his troop. Christopher has also contributed to